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## Attend Nat'l Convention Beaumont is ready!!



As we come to the twilight of this administration, I can feel nothing but pride in its accomplishments. The people that have given of their time and effort. The unselfish devotion to duty to do a job well done. The tremendous strides taken on behalf of S.E.R., membership expansion, printing of LULAC News, the forward strides of the National LULAC Housing project, the availability of LULAC materials and most of all the closing of ranks with in our beloved Organization to better continue our fight for equality and social justice. Today we are better united, as a result of many people working together, as a formidable force in the field of Civil Rights, equal housing, employment and our unending struggle for quality education. I can not emphasize too strongly the importance of continuing this concerted effort to overcome any and all obstacles in our path to a richer and fuller life for our people. With this thought in mind I will end my message to you. One other thought in my mind is your attendance to our National Convention in Beaumont, Texas. Be concerned about what goes on in our League, make your voice and your vote count. Be There!!! See you in Beaumont.

Your Servant in LULAC

*Pete Villa*

Pete Villa  
National President



Red Carpet Inn the site of the National LULAC Convention, Beaumont, Texas to be held June 29 thru July 2, 1972.

Beaumont, Texas Chairman of the National Convention, Mr. Richard Ramirez stated that Beaumont is ready and waiting with open arms to receive all delegates and guests. His enthusiasm is shared by all of Beaumont in anticipation of hosting the best Convention LULACDOM has ever seen. The headquarters of the Convention will be the renown Red Carpet Inn. The Convention will begin with a Noche Mexicana on Thursday, and early arrivals, and participating guests dress to enhance the atmosphere of the theme for these nights celebration. Friday he suggests Hawaiian dress of some sort for the Hawaiian Luau.

In summing up his brief report on the National Convention Brother Ramirez expressed his desire and that of his Council to be of service to you and help you enjoy your Convention.

Please try to attend.

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LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS  
43RD NATIONAL CONVENTION

RED CARPET INN  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 1972

AGENDA

Thursday - JUNE 29th:

- 9:00 AM - Registration - Red Carpet Inn
- 10:00 AM - Press Conference (National President)
- 1:30 PM - National Supreme Council Meeting
  - a. Appointment of Committees
  - b. Unfinished Business
- 2:30 PM - Housing Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Noche Mexicana - Host Council #394 - for Early Arrivals

Friday - JUNE 30:

- 8:00 AM - Registration
- 9:00 AM - Opening Ceremonies (Camolet Ballroom)
  - Ricardo Ramirez, Convention Chairman turns Gavel to
  - Pete Villa, National President
  - Pete Villa, National President Presiding
  - Presentation of Colors -
  - Official Prayer - Bishop Patrick Flores, Nat'l Chaplain
  - Pledge of Alligence - Frank Sepulveda, Nat'l Parliamentarian
  - Welcome Address - Mayor, City of Beaumont, Texas
  - Response - John J. Herrera, Past Nat'l President
  - Roll Call National Officers - Emilio Vasquez, Nat'l Secretary
  - Credentials Committee Interim Report
  - Minutes of 1971 National Convention - Denver, Colorado
  - Recess for Luncheon
- 12:00 PM - Recognition Luncheon
  - Keynote Speaker -
  - Guest Speaker -
- 1:30 PM - Business Session Reconvenes
  - Report of National Officers - elected and appointed
- 2:30 PM - Report of National Housing Board - Roberto Ornelas, Chairman
- 3:00 PM - Seminars:
  - Education - David Florence, Chairman
  - LEDA - Ed Lucero, Chairman
  - Womens Affairs - Julia Zozaya, Chairman
  - Housing - James Twomey, Non-Profit Housing Center and Roberto Ornelas, Housing Chairman
  - Youth - Ed Moreno, Nat'l Vice President of Youth
  - SER - Ricardo Zazueta, Executive Director, SER

Friday - JUNE 30:

- 5:00 -
- 7:00 PM - Final Registration for Delegates
- 8:00 PM - Hawaiian Lulau

Saturday - July 1:

- 9:00 AM - Business Session Reconvenes
  - Final Report of Committees -
  - Rules
  - Auditing
- 10:00 AM - Resolutions and Amendments
  - Voting on Resolutions and Amendments
- 12:00 PM - Awards Luncheon
  - Master of Ceremonies-
  - Keynote Speaker
  - Guest Speaker
  - Presentation of District and State Awards
- 1:30 PM - Business Session Reconvenes
  - Report on Seminars
- 3:30 PM - Ratification of 1973 Convention Sites
- 3:45 PM - Nomination of 1975 and 1976 Convention Sites
- 4:15 PM - Recess
- 6:30 PM - Presidential Banquet
  - Master of Ceremonies
  - Keynote Speaker
  - Guest Speaker
  - Presentation of Women and Man of the Year Award
- 9:00 PM - Presidential Ball

Sunday - July 2:

- 8:00 AM - Mass - Red Carpet Inn
- 9:30 AM - Business Session Reconvenes
  - Selection of 1975-1976 National Convention Sites
  - Election of National Officers
  - National Vice President of Youth
  - National Vice President of Southwest

Sunday - July 2:

- 9:30 AM - Election of National Officers
  - National Vice President of Farwest
  - National Vice President of Midwest
  - National President
  - Installation of Officers
  - Good and Welfare of the League
- 11:30 AM - Adjournment of 43rd National Convention
- 12:00 PM - National Supreme Council Meeting

**\*\*NOTE - Social and Business Sessions:**

All sessions will start at the times indicated.  
In order that sessions can close on time, you  
are requested to be in your seat in the meeting  
hall promptly at designated times.

National President Pete Villa made an official announcement today that he will be a candidate for the office he now holds. Brother Villa was elected to the highest office in LULAC in Denver, Colorado along with Joe Benitez, Jose Flores and Abe Ramirez as Regional Vice Presidents of their respective regions. Brother Edward Moreno was elected to the office of Vice President of Youth. From all indications the only other candidate that has announced his candidacy is Brother Joe Benitez who will again be a candidate to the Office of National Vice President Western Region. Brother Villa stated that he is very well satisfied with the progress made during his first term of office. Among other projects he cited as expanding under his administration are the National Housing Project under the very capable leadership of the Honorable Roberto Ornelas Past National President, as chairman of the Board of Directors. Project S.E.R. has also expanded considerably during his term of office. The project has now expanded to the far Northwest and the Midwest. His latest appointment to the National S.E.R. Board is the Honorable Edward Modesto from the Midwest Region. This stated, the National President exemplifies the fact that LULAC has manifested itself as a truly National Organization.



April 30, 1972

AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. To strike out in Article V Section 8 (p. 24) the name "Junior League of United Latin American Citizens (Jr. LULAC)" and to insert in its place "The League of United Latin American Citizens Youth Organization (LULAC Youth Organization)." In every instance in which the name "Jr. LULAC" appears in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Protocol and in other official papers, insignias, etc., it shall be similarly replaced by the name "LULAC Youth Organization".
2. To strike out in Article V Section 8 sub-section b (p. 24) in the first sentence the phrase "at the teen-age level" and to insert in its place the phrase "at the youth level", and to strike out in the same sentence the phrase "through social, civic, sports, and parliamentary activities" and to insert in its place the phrase "through youth oriented activities."
3. To strike out in Article V Section 8 sub-section c part (6) (p. 25) the third and fourth sentences, which read as follows: "Junior LULACS will hold their State Convention in June and the Junior National Convention in July. That is so the Juniors may be properly supervised by the National Directors of Youth Activities and the Jr.'s sponsoring Senior Council."
4. To strike out in Article V Section 8 sub-section f (p. 26) in the first sentence "Fifteen or more boys and/or girls" and to insert in its place "Ten (10) or more youths" and to strike out in the same sentence the word "eighteenth" and to insert in its place the word "twenty-first."
5. To add to Article V Section 8 a new sub-section g, which shall read as follows: "Because the maximum age of membership in the LULAC Youth Organization is twenty (20) years of age and the minimum age of membership in LULAC is eighteen (18), persons within the range of eighteen (18) and twenty (20) years of age shall have the option to belong to either but not both LULAC or the LULAC Youth Organization."
6. To add to Article V Section 8 a new sub-section h, which shall read as follows: "Membership in the LULAC Youth Organization shall be counted toward membership in LULAC, for whatever purposes necessary."
7. To add to Article V Section 2 sub-section a (p. 11) a new part (10), which shall read: "The Youth Organization National President".
8. To add to Article V Section 4 sub-section a (p. 16) a new part (7), which shall read: "The Youth Organization State Director."
9. To add to Article V Section 6 sub-section a (p. 18) a new part (7), to read: "The Youth Organization District Director."
10. To strike out in Article V Section 7 sub-section b part (1) (p. 19) the phrase "of either or both sexes".
11. To add to Article V Section 7 sub-section b a new part (6) (p. 19) to read as follows: "A council that is known to have been dormant for more than two years or that has been declared dormant for more than one year may be re-activated without penalty of paying back dues to any level of the Organization. However, the re-activation of such a dormant council shall follow the same process as that of organizing a new council as provided in this sub-section b."
12. To strike out in Article V Section 6 sub-section c (p. 18) the first sentence, which reads: "The District Council shall hold a scheduled meeting at the site and immediately following the close of the District Convention and no other, unless a situation of need for a special meeting arises." and to insert in its place the following: "Each District Council shall determine the regularity and frequency of its meetings, but it shall be required to hold a scheduled meeting at the site and immediately following the close of the District Convention; it shall also meet for a special meeting if a situation of need arises."
13. To add to Article VI Section 4 sub-section a (p. 29) after the phrase "at least three consecutive years" but before the phrase "at the time" the following phrase set off by commas: "including consecutive years in a LULAC Youth Organization council".
14. To strike out in Article VI Section 8 sub-section m part (2) (p. 41) the phrase "of three Past National Presidents" and to insert in its place the phrase "of three (3) Past Elected National Officers other than State Directors." This change shall also apply in parts (3), (4), and (5) of this sub-section.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS

1. To strike out in Article III Section 3 (p. 76) the present wording, which reads: "The provision in Section 2 shall apply to District dues." and to insert in its place the following: "The District dues shall be set by each District Assembly, but in no instance shall they exceed the State dues. They shall be paid as in Section 1 above."

Whereas Article VI, National Officers, Section 4 -b, has caused a great deal of conflict and hardship on candidates for the respective offices at the District level; and  
Whereas this article grossly discriminates against new and vital members of LULAC; and  
Whereas this article unjustly discourages participation on the part of members who come into LULAC with a great deal of experience and with leadership qualities;  
Therefore be it resolved that Article VI, be changed by deleting District Officers; thereby not requiring candidates for these offices to meet present qualifications.

This amendment recommendation was passed unanimously at the District V Convention held on April 29, 1972 in Paramount, California.  
Voting on such were delegates from the councils of COMPTON # 2006; GARDENA # 2015, PARAMOUNT MENS # 2030, PARAMOUNT # 357, and SAN PEDRO # 317.

*Adrian Torres*  
Adrian Torres District Director

April 30, 1972

AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION  
Presented by San Pedro Council # 317

Whereas a privately conducted survey engaged by members of the San Pedro Council # 317 reveals that 90% of non-profit and civic organizations structure of executive boards are elected by their active membership, and;  
Whereas officers of said organizations are elected for a term of office prescribed by their respective constitution, and;  
Whereas term of office for such officers is for a period of more than one year, and;  
Whereas The League of United Latin American Citizens a national organization recognized with its constitution duly ratified by its members throughout the United States at its annual constitutional convention, and;  
Whereas this privately conducted survey was conducted nation-wide reveals that programs implemented by elected officers are radically changed every year, to the detriment of the very same people the league proposes to serve, be it therefore resolved;  
That Article VI, Section 6, pp. a, line two, the words "one year", be deleted and instead to read "two years".

This amendment was passed with a vote of 13 for -- 5 against at the District Convention held on April 29, 1972 in Paramount, California.

*Adrian Torres*  
Adrian Torres, District Director

WHEREAS, Article V relates to the organizational structure and organizational procedures at the National State and District level, and;

WHEREAS, in the aforementioned Article there is no provision for the organizing of a new Council in a community where there is an active organized Council, and;

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 7, paragraph b established the procedure for the organizing of a new Council only where there is no existing active Council and;

WHEREAS, the intent as expressed by said paragraph b, does not clarify procedures as an old established custom and part of the old Constitution, and;

WHEREAS, the omission of established procedures to be followed in the organizing of a new Council where an active Council is in existence, can be of great detriment to the League, and in conflict with Article V, Section 2, paragraph b, sub-paragraph 2.

Therefore be it resolved that the following addition be made to Article V, Section 7, paragraph b:

"Except where there is an organized and active Council, in which case a new Council may be organized with the approval of the existing Council."

This resolution was adopted by:

Whittier LULAC Council #2034  
*Cecilia Villarreal*  
Secretary



Be it known that the League of United Latin American Citizens Constitution discriminates and deprives those Senior Members under the age of 21 against the full rights of membership, therefore, Phoenix Council #284, recommends that the amended LULAC Constitution issued June 28, 1970 be further amended to read:

#### National Officers

##### Article VI

Section 4 - Qualifications: All National Officers, whether elected or appointed,

- a. Must have been an Active Member of Junior or Senior Local Council in good standing for at least three consecutive years at the time of his election or appointment;
- b. Have held an administrative office of Junior or Senior LULAC for one year at the Local, District, or State level within three years of his appointment. In the case of the Legal Advisor, the person must possess a law degree and be a practicing attorney in good standing;

#### State Officers

##### Article VII

Section 4 - Qualifications: All State Officers, whether elected or appointed, must possess those qualifications as stipulated under Article VI, Section 4, Sub-section a - b, of this Constitution.

#### District Officers

##### Article VIII

Section 4 - Qualifications: All District Officers, whether elected or appointed must possess the qualifications set in Article VI, Section 4, Sub-section a - b, of this Constitution, except under sub-section b, previous office holding is limited to Local Council and/or District levels. A person cannot seek the position of Council President if he has held this position for two years, if he has any opposition.

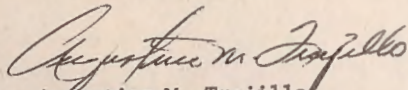
#### Local Officers

##### Article IX

Section 3 - Qualifications: All Officers, whether elected or appointed must:

- a. Have been a member of Junior or Senior LULAC in good standing for at least one year;

Respectfully submitted,



Augustine M. Trujillo  
Phoenix Council #284  
President, In Behalf  
of Council #284

TO: ALL LULACS;

We have studied the situation at length, for the last two years of the Junior LULAC. We have talked to countless people involved and some not involved in the Youth Movement. The people we have talked to have been of all ages, both Junior and Seniors. They have been LULAC office holders, Committee chairman and plain members. We contacted leaders at every level of LULAC: National, State, District and Council. These leaders feel by far and large, that in order to revitalize the Junior LULAC, that in order to have a veritable youth organization, we must adopt the following amendments to the Constitution:

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Fellow, LULACS, we stand at the crossroads---shall we start to move again or shall we remain stymied. So far we have spent two years of frustration and disappointment, we beg that the shackles that bind the Junior LULAC be removed. Rectify the harm done by supporting the amendments, which are designed to give the Youth Movement a shot in the arm. We know that if you take positive action the Junior organization will flourish and become strong. Again, we ask---please, give us a "break" by voting for the above amendments.



# League of United Latin American Citizens

"All for One - One for All"

NATIONAL OFFICE: P. O. BOX 896, RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA 92270, 714 - 346-1161

OFFICE OF: National President

## MEMORANDUM

To: National Vice Presidents DATE: 1/17/72  
All State Directors

Subject: GUIDELINES for LULAC Housing

Enclosed is a copy of the Housing Guidelines that were approved at the National Supreme Council meeting in Washington, D.C. on October 16, 1971.

I would appreciate your carefully reviewing these Guidelines and making the appropriate reports (as indicated under Item #17) to the National Housing Board in care of Mr. Roberto Ornelas, Acting Chairman - 1131 W. Donovan, Houston, Texas 77018.

Your immediate cooperation in forwarding this information to the Housing Board will enable them to carry out the required duties of the Board. We have made the decision to become more involved in LULAC housing and all councils and districts involved in housing must comply with these guidelines.

The Board is ready, willing and able to assist any council or district in working out the details of their housing projects and I look forward to your cooperating with them.

Copies of these Guidelines will appear in the next issue of our LULAC News.

### GUIDELINES FOR LULAC HOUSING

#### I. LULAC NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST

##### A. Composition - Members of National Housing Board

##### B. Duties:

1. Shall oversee and provide uniform guidelines and technical assistance to all LULAC Councils.
2. Shall have authority to approve or disapprove all proposed projects subject to approval by Supreme Council.
3. Shall have authority to approve or disapprove all persons or firms selected by a LULAC Council to perform services in the planning construction and operation of a project.
4. Shall be compensated by each approved project for organizational and other services in accordance with existing FHA regulations.
5. Shall prepare and make available to all Councils a list of approved attorneys, architects, consultants, contractors and sub-contractors, management firms and insurance firms.
6. Maintain close liaison with State Directors.
7. Shall have the authority, subject to review and approval by the Supreme Council to mediate, conciliate and render a final decision on all matters involving LULAC housing.

#### II. PROCEDURE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LULAC HOUSING PROJECTS

##### A. Preliminary procedure:

1. Resolution by local council submitted to National Housing Board.
2. If consultant not on approved list, selection of consultant submitted to Board, together with following information:
  - a. Qualifications of consultant
  - b. Membership in LULAC, and if so, LULAC activities, positions held, etc.
  - c. Current workload
  - d. Approval or disapproval of district director
  - e. Approval or disapproval of state director

##### 3. Consultant furnishing following information to National Housing Board:

- a. Site location and price of property.
- b. Owner of property.
- c. Number of units to be constructed.
- d. Proof of appropriate zoning.
- e. Market survey.
- f. Pre-feasibility meeting with FHA.
- g. Letters of endorsement.
- h. Cost of project.
- i. All information furnished NHB by consultant prior to and during construction shall also be furnished to the sponsoring council or district.

##### 4. Professional staff and contractor.

- a. If not on approved list, each nominee governed by regulations under paragraph 2 above.
- b. Approval or rejection of Board.
- c. Fee allocated for all professionals.
- d. Contractor's written statement regarding use of LULAC and/or minority sub-contractor's.
- e. Contractor's written statement regarding number of minorities and trades to be trained during construction.

##### 5. Approval of Board for construction.

- a. Submission of Trust Agreement or Corporate Charter for approval by National Housing Board prior to filing for record.
- b. Report of architect regarding construction plans. Rendering to be submitted if possible.
- c. Evidence of community acceptance (newspaper clippings, letters of endorsement, etc.).
- d. Evidence of LULAC involvement at all levels.

##### 6. Monthly reports to Board during construction.

- a. Timetable comparison with time allotted by FHA.
- b. Report on sub-contractors, on site, and comparison with 4-D and E.
- c. Discrepancies, if any.
- d. Any other information of acts or events affecting project.

##### 7. Submission of Trust nominees.

- a. Approval of Board
- b. Approval by Supreme Council.

##### 8. Submission of following for approval.

- a. Management.
- b. Insurance.

##### 9. Completion

- a. National Housing Board to be notified of date of final completion as soon as a specific date is determined by architect and contractor. Notice must also be given of the following:

1. If there is to be partial occupancy before final completion, notice shall include dates and number of units per date.
2. If (1) above applies, 8, a and b must be complied with prior to any occupancy.
3. Extent of Board and National LULAC participation in opening ceremonies.

##### 10. Financial reports and audits.

- a. N.H.B. is to receive copies of financial reports submitted to FHA or other regulatory agencies.
- b. N.H.B. is to receive copies of all audits either independent, internal, or H.U.D.
- c. N.H.B. is to be notified of any discrepancies noted by FHA or auditor; and of steps taken to correct same.

##### 11. NHB to approve any change in trust or corporation membership.

##### 12. NHB to be notified when any trustee or director is dropped from LULAC membership rolls.

##### 13. NHB to notify local trust or board of any changes in FHA regulations or policy.

##### 14. NHB to submit full reports, in writing, at every National Convention and National Supreme Council Meeting.

##### 15. National Housing Board Compensation.

- a. Members of NHB shall receive no compensation for services performed.
- b. Members to be reimbursed for any expense incurred in behalf of NHB.
- c. NHB is authorized to contract for services to be rendered to Board.
- d. NHB is authorized to turn over to National LULAC Treasury any excess funds not needed for NHB operation.

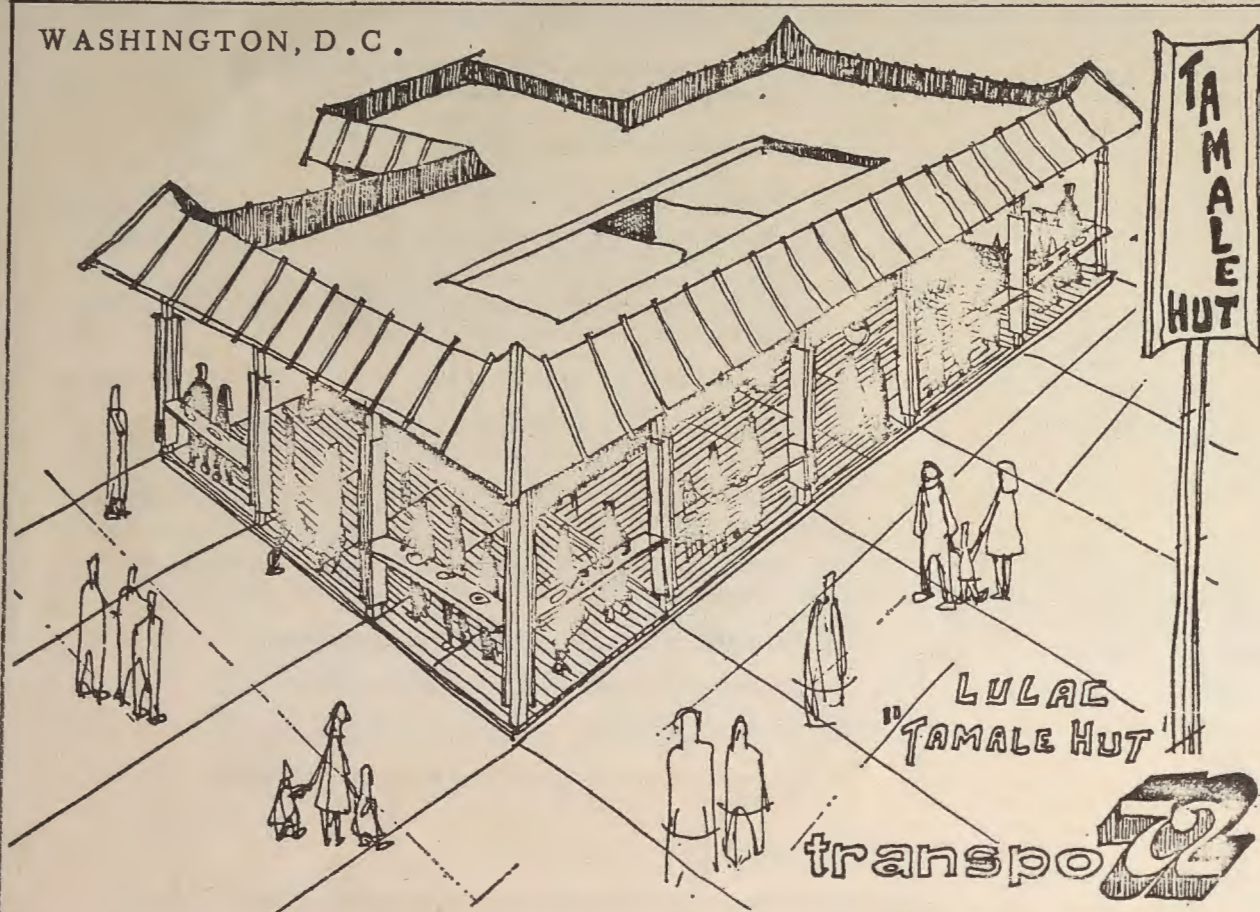
##### 16. All actions of the National Housing Board are subject to the approval of the Supreme Council, and any member, council or district may appeal any action taken by the NHB to the Supreme Council.

##### 17. All LULAC councils or districts who are currently sponsoring or propose to sponsor LULAC Housing Projects shall follow these guidelines, and failure to do so shall be in violation of the action of the National Supreme Council taken in Washington, D.C. in October, 1971, and such failure shall be presented to the Supreme Council for appropriate action.

These guidelines were passed by the National Supreme Council in Washington, D.C. on October 16, 1971, and are effective immediately.



WASHINGTON, D.C.



## LULAC sells at Transpo 72

Over one million visitors are expected to attend the international exposition "Transpo 72" at Dulles Airport, near the Nation's Capital on May 28 thru June 4, to preview the advanced transportation technology of tomorrow. Most of these visitors will learn of the existence of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) thru a food service stand operated by the LULAC Council of Washington, D.C., where there will be available for sale delicious tamales. Since there are no producers of tamales in the Washington area, the tamales will be brought by air daily directly, from San Antonio, Texas.

Manufacturers from all over the world will have

an opportunity to exhibit their products and technology in the world's largest transportation market. Several countries from Latin America, including Mexico, are expected to participate in "Transpo 72" where they will present the most modern equipment and systems available today.

Being where the action is, the LULAC Council of Washington is one of the most active Councils in the U.S., thanks to the leadership it has had during the past two

Many forgive injuries, but none ever forgave contempt. years from former president Eduardo Pena Jr. of Laredo, Texas and the new President Israel Valdez, of Alice, Tex.

## Elkhorn Residents at State Meeting of 'Latin Citizens'



THE DELAVAN COUNCIL was host for the 15th state convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens, which was held Saturday in Delavan. Among those at the convention were (from left) Elkhorn Mayor Gerry Immega, who helped to welcome the visitors; Antonio Olivas, of Elkhorn, president of the Delavan council; Sheriff William Cum-

tings Jr., one of the speakers during the day, and Ramiro Villarreal and Louisa Rodriguez, named "outstanding" for their service to LULAC and the local council. The later two are both from Delavan and will be considered for national recognition.

The 15th state convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), hosted by the Delavan council Saturday in Delavan, brought a number of local speakers to the event as well as the organization's national officers.

Council President Anthony Olivas, of Elkhorn, noted about 200 delegates attended the event, which included a welcome from Elkhorn Mayor Gerry Immega along with Delavan Mayor Robert Miller.

Among the speakers during the day were Walworth county Sheriff William Cummings Jr., State Sen. James Swan and Mrs. Rosalia de Hockmeister, from the Wisconsin state employment office here.

Gordon Yadon, Delavan postmaster, also spoke, and Elkhorn Postmaster Carroll Conner was introduced. Police Sgt. Laudie Kostecky also was a speaker on the program.

Pete Villa, national president from Rancho Mirage, Calif., was attending as was Jose Flores, national vice president from Racine. Flores was the keynote speaker. Other members of the organization speaking during the day were Clark Douglas, director of Illinois State LULAC and Ascension Hernandez, director of Kansas State LULAC.

The United Latin Citizens were first organized back in 1929 following a meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas. The aim was to unite various groups working to better the standards of a

minority ethnic race who seemed to be discriminated against because they had Spanish surnames and were bilingual. They set up a code, calling for respect of citizens and at the same time supporting the institutions of the United States. Much of it is based on the guarantees granted in the U. S. constitution as well as acceptance of the document's obligations of good citizenship.

LULAC has been active in the fields of education, civil rights, housing job training and placements. In recent months, LULAC has embarked in a new direction with the establishment of the LULAC Economic Development association (LEDA).

This organization was formed to foster the establishment of the economic development among

the peoples of the ethnic group. It is leading the way in another effort to help uplift the Spanish speaking citizens in our Nation, thereby, enhancing the well-being of the communities in which they live.

"Pete Villa our president is the most powerful speaking voice on the Mexican American behalf which we have in government," said Ed P. Morga, the national treasurer, from Huntington Beach, Calif. "He looks after our interest and we're glad to have him with LULAC."

Villa has the full time job as assistant director of Economics Opportunity board of Eastern Riverside county in California.

"It was a great thrill to be appointed to my position by President Nixon," Villa said. "I

met with the president personally and dined with him. That's an experience I'll remember the rest of my life."

A banquet, followed by dancing, concluded the convention's activities.